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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and remarks. Applicants submit herewith a Version With Markings Showing Changes Made.

Please amend the application as follows.

**In the Specification:**

**At page 1**, after the Title, please delete the first paragraph and insert therefor:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/438,538, filed November 12, 1999, which is a division of U.S. Application No. 09/042,105, filed March 13, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 08/999,811, filed December 24, 1997 (now issued U.S. Patent No. 5,932,540), which is a continuation-in-part of both U.S. Applications Serial No. 08/465,968, filed June 6, 1995 and Serial No. 08/824,996 (now issued U.S. Patent No. 5,935,820), said 08/465,968 is a continuation-in-part and said 08/824,996 is a division of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/207,550, filed March 8, 1994 (now abandoned), all of which claim priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120, and all are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.

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